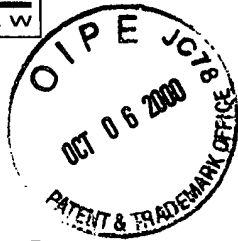


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Filed: April 28, 1999; Group Art Unit: 1631
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Inventors: Nordine Cheikh *et al.*
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) are the following documents:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement; and
2. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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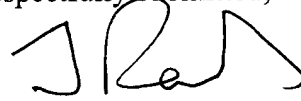
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In the Office Action mailed September 20, 2000, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- Group I: Claims 1-2, drawn to polynucleotides from an expressed sequence tag library for use in detecting altered expression, classified in class 536, subclass 23.1.
- Group II: Claims 3-4, drawn to a purified polypeptide encoded by a polynucleotide from an EST library, classified in class 530, subclass 300.
- Group III: Claim 5, drawn to an antibody to a polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 388.1.
- Group IV: Claims 6-7, drawn to a transgenic plant, classified in class 435, subclass 410.
- Group V: Claims 8-9, drawn to polynucleotide-based methods of hybridization screening, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

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